

offering an amendment to the bill. I don't know why this wasn't introduced as a bill, to have a public hearing, to see if people thought it was a good idea. I don't know why we're doing it as a Select file amendment. I don't know if it has been placed in the Journal or not. I have real concerns about doing this. Thank you.

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I would rise in support of the amendment. I understand Senator Withem's concerns, but I recall, not so fondly maybe, my first year down here, and having a situation where we didn't have a particularly clear policy about anything that I remember. And that was good in some ways, and bad in others. I recall I was E & R Chairman and I was able to gain some favor with Executive Board, and was able to gain a half-time staff person for the E & R Committee, which was an usual situation, which I enjoyed the situation until the end of the session when I didn't vote quite right and had that changed rather dramatically after the end of the session, as a punishment for my indiscretion. To follow up, I recall asking for something like a coffee table or something I could have up in my little tiny office that I had as a freshman, and getting brought up a little wire contraption and a piece of wood that was set on this wire contraption and so called coffee table. And time after time I learned my lesson as a freshman of how you rank in this body. But not having any police at all to fall back on, to bring some equity to the situation, it was a very frustrating and interesting time. So I would support this. Those days have gone, I hope. But maybe they might come back. And having this in statute might head off some problems in the future for the next set of freshmen or others among us that may fall in disfavor with those that may hold some positions of power within the body.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Wesely. We'll now go to Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, if there's no one else to speak, I'll wait until closing.

SENATOR CONWAY: There are more speakers.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. I just wanted to respond briefly to Senator Withem's questions. There is, as you all know, an